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To the members of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Synopsis

of the meetings held in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 April 2022

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 April 2022, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- **Wednesday 27 April 2022, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, as regards:**
 - ***Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights; heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Frontex, Warsaw, Poland on 20 April 2022;
 - ***Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Poland on 21 April 2022 and authorised him to do a fact-finding visit to Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine, without costs for the Assembly;
 - ***European solidarity in the migration and asylum context*** (Rapporteur: Lord Alexander Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA) postponed the statement by the rapporteur due to technical problems of the online connection; authorised the rapporteur to do a fact-finding visit to Berlin, Germany;
 - ***Composition of the Sub-Committees:*** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:***
 - Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) to become an alternate member, in replacement of Mr Niklaus-Samuel Gugger (Switzerland, EPP/CD);
 - Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings:***
 - Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) to become a full member, in replacement of Mr Niklaus-Samuel Gugger (Switzerland, EPP/CD);
- **Thursday 28 April 2022, from 8:30 to 9:30 am:**
 - ***Exchange of views with Ms Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees:*** held an exchange of views with Ms Kayacik;
 - ***Work programme:***
 - ***Call for candidates:***
 - Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate:*** took note of the candidature of Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) to be rapporteur and invited members to indicate their candidature by the next meeting;

- **Consideration of the replies by the Committee of Ministers:**
 - **Reply to Recommendation 2207 (2021) For a European policy on diasporas** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco, Portugal, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;
 - **Reply to Recommendation 2171 (2020) Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants** (*Rapporteur: Mr Vernon Coaker, United Kingdom, SOC*); since the rapporteur was no longer a member of the Committee, heard a statement by the Chairperson and agreed that the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings look into further action to be taken;
 - **Reply to Recommendation 2203 (2021) Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries in North Africa and the Middle East** (*Rapporteur: Lord Dundee, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): in the absence of the rapporteur, the Committee decided to revert to this issue at a forthcoming meeting;
- **Open discussion on current issues:** heard a statement by Mr Domagoj Hajdukovic (Croatia, SOC), on the session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, 22-24 March 2022);
- **Other business:** heard a statement by Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC) regarding off-shore processing of asylum applications;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - **Paris**, Friday 13 May 2022 (physical presence only)
 - **Paris**, Friday 3 June 2022 in the afternoon (physical presence only)
 - **Strasbourg**, during 3rd part session, from 20 to 24 June 2022
 - **Athens**, Sunday-Monday 18-19 September 2022
 - **Strasbourg**, during 4th part session, from 10 to 14 October 2022
 - **Paris**, Wednesday 7 December 2022

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- **Thursday, 28 April 2022, from 9:30 to 10:00 am:**

The **Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration**, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 28 April 2022, from 9:30 to 9:40 am, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** re-elected by acclamation Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC) Chairperson and elected by acclamation Ms Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

The **Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People**, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 28 April 2022, from 9:40 to 9:50 am, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** decided to postpone the election in the absence of candidates.

The **Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings**, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 28 April 2022, from 9:50 to 10:00 am, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) exceptionally in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Diana Stoica (Romania, ALDE) Chairperson and Lord Simon Russell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convoke its next meeting.

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